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TEN CENTS A WEEK

TO TAX NET EARNINGS OF ALL CORPORATIONS

President Taft Favors Such a Proposition as Substitute for the Income Tax Measure.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Recommending legislation looking to the placing of a 2 per cent tax on the net income of corporations and also the adoption of an amendment to the constitution providing for the imposition of an income tax without an apportionment among the several States, President Taft today sent to Congress a message embodying his views on the subject. This action followed a protracted special meeting of the cabinet. In his message the President speaks of the apparent inability of Congress to agree to an inheritance tax, and as regards an income tax he refers to the decision of the supreme court in the case of Pollock versus The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in which the court held the tax to be unconstitutional unless apportioned according to population. "It is," says the President, "undoubtedly a power which the Government ought to have. It might be indispensable to the nation's life in a great crisis." The amendment, therefore, he declares, was the only proper course. Such an amendment to the constitution, he continued, was preferable to the proposal of reviving a law judicially declared to be unconstitutional.

The amendment which he proposes should be made to the tariff bill providing for the imposition upon all corporations and joint stock companies for profit, except national banks

(otherwise taxed), savings banks and buildings and loan associations, of an excise tax of 2 per cent of the net income of said incorporations. This, it is estimated by him, will bring an annual revenue of \$25,000,000. "This is a tax on privilege and not on property," he said, "and is within the federal power without apportionment according to population."

The President points out that another merit to the tax on corporations is the federal supervision, which will give to the Government, the stockholders and the public knowledge of the real business transactions and the gains and profits of every corporation in the country. The adoption of the amendment, he says, will make a long step "toward that supervisory control of corporations which may prevent a further abuse of power."

"I recommend, then, first, the adoption of a joint resolution by two-thirds of both houses proposing to the States an amendment to the constitution granting to the Federal Government the right to levy and collect an income tax without apportionment among the States according to population; and second, the enactment, as part of the pending revenue measure, either as a substitute for, or in addition to, the inheritance tax, of an excise tax upon all corporations, measured by 2 per cent of their net income."

The message was referred to the finance committee.

DEATH OF MRS. WEEKS.

Prominent Woman of Starke Called to Her Last Reward.

STARKE, June 17.—The entire community is in sorrow over the death of Mrs. Weeks, wife of Col. W. T. Weeks, who passed away at noon yesterday, after several weeks' illness from Bright's disease. Mrs. Weeks was universally beloved for her kindness of heart and perpetual goodness to those about her. Her death was a great shock to her family, who was with her when the end came. She leaves, besides a husband, five children, Mrs. W. L. Wall, Mrs. Sam T. Dell, Gainesville; Mrs. Milton Brownlee, Robert A. and Miss Dea Weeks, and a large number of relatives to mourn her departure.

E. Cribb died at 2 p. m. yesterday from a gunshot wound, inflicted by a crazy negro at 7 o'clock Tuesday night. Mr. Cribb was a valued employee of the Powell Still Company, and accompanied the jailer, William Hollingsworth, to investigate the negro who was reported to be behaving too boisterously. When these two gentlemen approached the negro's cabin and spoke to him, they were answered by a discharge from a shotgun, tearing away the cheek bone of Mr. Cribb and causing an ugly

flesh wound across Mr. Hollingsworth's breast. Local surgeons attended the wounded men, but Mr. Cribb died as above stated. Mr. Hollingsworth is resting reasonably well. Mr. Cribb leaves a wife and six children. Pursuers are chasing the murderer, who took refuge in the swamp.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

James Lowry Brought Here for Killing Arthur Jackson.

Deputy Sheriff Wynne arrived in the city Thursday evening with James Lowry in custody, he having cut and seriously injured Arthur Jackson, another negro, at Wilcox about three or four weeks since, and who has since died from the wounds.

Since cutting his man he has been hiding out, but Sheriff Ramsey had notified W. J. Lock, deputy at that place, to arrest him as soon as he returned, and Mr. Lock was not long in executing the order.

Sheriff Ramsey telephoned Deputy Wynne to proceed to Wilcox and bring the man here, where he was placed in jail to await the action of the next grand jury upon the charge of murder.

Keep your eye on the want ads. There may be something advertised which is of interest to you.

ANOTHER CHICAGO ON LAKE OKEECHOBEE

INTERESTED LAND OWNERS
MAKE THIS PREDICTION.

If Dry Weather Continues Many People Will Buy Land in the Florida Everglades.

(Miami Metropolis, June 14.)

"Since January 10 the Florida Fruit Lands Company has conducted 86 visitors over its holdings in the Everglades. These men have represented 27 States and the District of Columbia, and all of them became purchasers," said Mr. Henry Russell Wray, speaking of the great possibilities of the Everglades territory.

"Somewhere on the south shore of Lake Okeechobee another Chicago is going to build," continued Mr. Wray, and he took a pointer and indicated the spot on the big map that hangs above the desk in his office.

"You are going to see it, and all of us will if we live long enough, and we will not have to live many years longer in order to see it, either."

"Somewhere out in here," continued Mr. Wray, with the pointer still busy, indicating a spot in the upper end of Dade county, "there will be headquarters for the trucking and fruit growing industries. A town is going to build in there and all the back country will be feeders for Miami."

"But watch the spot on the lake. Another Chicago is going to rise there. It is bound to come; the country is going to develop as the West has. The opportunity is great and those who get in on the ground floor are fortunate."

It may be regarded as very good business when, out of a total of 86 visitors, there were 86 of them buyers. It is to be remembered that this represents the number of sales made by one land company only, and the remark in question refers only to the number of visitors which this company has entertained. There are several other land companies that have been busy also, and this company has done much in the way of conducting sales aside from those made to visitors.

Another party of prospectors will arrive within the next few days. Mr. Wray expects Former Governor Broward to reach Miami with this party. He was expected last week, but wrote Mr. Wray a few days ago that he had been unavoidably detained at Jacksonville and would be here in a few days. It is inferred that Capt. Broward was waiting in Jacksonville for the party to reach that city before starting the trip to Miami.

FISHERMEN HAVE RETURNED.

Capt. O'Neill and Crowd Returned from Cruise of Gulf.

Capt. E. A. O'Neill and party, consisting of Maj. Walker, F. T. McCormick, B. F. Miller and J. A. Ettel, have returned from a two weeks' cruise down the Gulf coast, where they had a most delightful trip.

They went as far south as Clearwater, but did most of their fishing around Bayport, and state that at all times fishing was good. They had plenty to give away to the fishing smacks passing them at intervals.

The entire party are well tanned from exposure on the water, but outside of the rough appearance it has given them they are better for the trip and feel that it was not only a great pleasure with plenty of amusement, but equal to any course of medicine that could have been prescribed.

Some article that is simply "in the way" at your house might, if advertised, be sold to someone who is anxiously looking for it.

Isn't there something which only a want ad. can do for you today?

TWO LARGE BUILDINGS FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

Gainesville Will Be Scene of Many Improvements During Coming Year---Outlook Is Bright.

The mammoth buildings costing not less than \$40,000 each are to be erected at the University grounds within the next few months. W. A. Edwards, the architect of plans for all these buildings, is now in the city to look after the preliminary arrangements.

One of the buildings to be erected is a science hall, which will cost about \$40,000. The contract will be let within the next ten days, it having been discovered that there is sufficient money available for this structure.

Another building, the contract for which will also be let at the same time, is an experiment building which is required by the U. S. Government. This will also cost not less than \$40,000, making two large buildings to be erected there at a cost of not less than \$80,000.

Besides the large buildings to go

up, they are now completing Thomas and Buckman halls at a cost of about \$6,000 and will build a barn costing \$2,000, and other small buildings to cost about \$500—making a total expenditure of \$87,500 on buildings immediately.

It was stated Thursday by a gentleman in a position to know that within the next eight months the board of control will start work on the erection of the administration building, to cost about \$100,000.

In view of so much work going on at both the University and U. S. Government buildings, and the other contemplated improvements, Gainesville will have one of the most prosperous years in her entire history.

Dr. A. A. Murphree, the new president of the University, was busy all of Thursday looking over the city and endeavoring to secure a suitable house, that he may move his family here without further delay.

THE FIRST COPPER HEAD.

Coast Line Ran One Through Here Thursday for Melons.

The first copper head engine to run through Gainesville on the Florida Southern division of the A. C. L. was run yesterday for the purpose of pulling some of the melon business through this section.

The engine, which is one of the largest made, will pull the load of any two ordinary engines, and they will see if they cannot use them hereafter instead of so many sections of the same train, as has been the custom.

Early in the season they began the work of relaying heavier rail for this special business, but the rush came on them before it was completed, and this trip was an experiment. If the change in the road bed from here to Evinston is made, as contemplated, they will have no trouble in running these massive engines through here regularly.

The Misses Floyd Entertain.

Misses Mary and Belle Floyd entertained delightfully Thursday afternoon in honor of their charming guests, Misses Claire Denby and Eugenia Waterbury of Jacksonville.

Refreshments were served, and a feature of the evening was a guessing contest, three of the contestants being Miss Elizabeth Taylor was finally the successful contestant, however, and was awarded a box of candy.

The occasion was highly enjoyed by the young people.

Read the want ads. in today's Sun

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

The scores in the South Atlantic League yesterday were as follows:

Jacksonville 5, Charleston 2.
Chattanooga 10, Augusta 9.
Columbus 2, Columbia 1. (10 innings.)
Savannah 1, Macon 0.

COLORED CONFERENCE.

A. M. E. Church Now Holding Sessions Daily at Harris Chapel.

The Jacksonville District of the A. M. E. Zion Church is now holding District Conference at the Harris Chapel church, in the western part of the city, and the meeting is largely attended.

Besides the number of delegates from all parts of the district in attendance the visitors from the city are increasing, and much good is being accomplished from the meetings that are conducted twice daily.

L. H. Hawkins, the pastor, is doing all in his power to make it pleasant for the officers and members of the association and visitors who have come to take part in the meeting.

The habit of answering ads. that appeal to you is one that will keep you interested in the life you are living, and prosperous.

Let a want ad. negotiate a trade for you—of something you don't need for something you do.

Very Destructive Fire At Pretty Dowling Park

LIVE OAK, June 17.—A destructive fire visited the beautiful little city of Dowling Park last evening, claiming for its fuel the large, commodious hotel situated just across the Suwannee river in hospitable land in connection with the hotel, three cottages and the bathing pool were destroyed. The loss is estimated at

from \$12,000 to \$15,000, which is only partly covered by insurance. The fire broke out in the upper floor in a square room, and was not discovered until it was too late to save but little of the hotel furnishings. The hotel was under the management of C. B. Willard, formerly of this place, and a number of people were visiting the springs.

Pensacola Negro Will Contest Jim Crow Law

PENSACOLA, June 17.—Declaring his intention of appealing his case to the circuit court, D. A. Willis, colored, fined in the recorder's court \$10 for violating the Jim Crow street car law, has given bond pending a motion for a new trial, which is to be argued at an early date. The Jim Crow street car law has already been tested by the negroes of the city and the supreme court has declared it valid, but Willis proposes to bring about a new situation by citing that the accommodations afforded by the Pensacola Electric Company are not sufficient

for the colored patrons of the company. It will also be stated that the partitions which the law requires are not maintained, but that a sign alone separates the white and colored persons. Sunday the negro boarded a street car and instead of taking a seat in the colored section, seated himself among the whites. When ordered to move by the conductor he refused to do so, and told the conductor he knew as much about the laws as anyone and he did not propose to move. His arrest and sentence to pay a fine of \$10 followed.